

# Food Safety Training

## Purpose

With an estimated 48 million cases of foodborne illness reported each year, it costs the nation nearly \$7.7 billion.

Ohio State University Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Extension professionals help with this effort of combating foodborne illness by offering food safety training at restaurants, schools, hospitals, childcare centers, nursing homes, and to anyone who serves food to the public.

## Impact

In 2013, food safety training was offered in 19 counties to over 1,000 food service workers. Knowledge increases were shown in each of the seven food safety and handling areas in a retrospective survey given to participants at the end of each class.

In 2013, 33 two-day ServSafe™ Manager Classes were conducted by OSU Extension Family and Consumer Science professionals. This national certification is required for many food service workers to be able to keep their jobs.

In 2013, 32 classes were conducted with entry-level food service employees, as mandated by the Ohio Department of Health. In many counties, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work closely with local health department sanitarians to offer classes.

### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
College of Education and Human Ecology

### Community Partners Involved

Ohio Department of Health  
Ohio Department of Education  
Ohio Restaurant Association  
Ohio Grocer's Association

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